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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Sierra Front Field Office in Carson City, Nevada has been coordinating the development of the *Canoe Hill Trail System* since 2009. In February of 2014 the BLM received a complete proposal from the Canoe Hill Trail Working Group (CHTWG) and the Great Basin Institute (GBI). The Project area is located on public lands southwest of the Golden Eagle Regional Park in Washoe County, Nevada.

In order to fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act, an environmental assessment to evaluate the potential effects of trail construction and maintenance will be prepared by the BLM.

In preparing their proposal, the CHTWG and GBI have provided the BLM with the following information and needs:

- Authorization of 9.4 miles of user-created non-motorized trails (hiking and mountain biking), which may require improvements, modifications, and/or realignments to meet current trail standards and to minimize effects to sensitive resources;
- Authorize the construction and maintenance of 13.6 miles of new non-motorized trails (hiking and mountain biking);
- Utilize as the primary access point, the existing parking lot at the Golden Eagle Regional Park;
- GBI would be responsible for the construction and long-term maintenance of the trails;
- Installation of directional and educational signage;
- Evaluate closing an existing user-created, unmaintained dirt road; and
- Consider future trail expansion opportunities on other public lands in the area.

At this early stage in the Project development we ask for your input on:

- Do you know of resource conflicts or public safety issues in the Project area? How should target shooting be addressed?
- Are there historic properties or other sensitive cultural resources in the Project area that may be affected?
- Should special recreation events be authorized, such as competitive mountain bike races?
- Do you have any other substantive input into this proposal at this early stage?

Project information, maps and how to comment can be found on the Project website located at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa.html. This 30-day scoping period is from February 11 until March 12, 2015.

**** Public Workshop****

A public workshop will be held on Tuesday February 17, 2015 at the Spanish Springs Elementary School, multi-purpose room. The school is located at 100 Marilyn Mae Drive in Sparks. The workshop will be held from 6:30 pm until 8 pm. At 6:45 pm a presentation on the project will be conducted. The meeting will not be a hearing, staff will be available for provide Project information and maps will be available for review.

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